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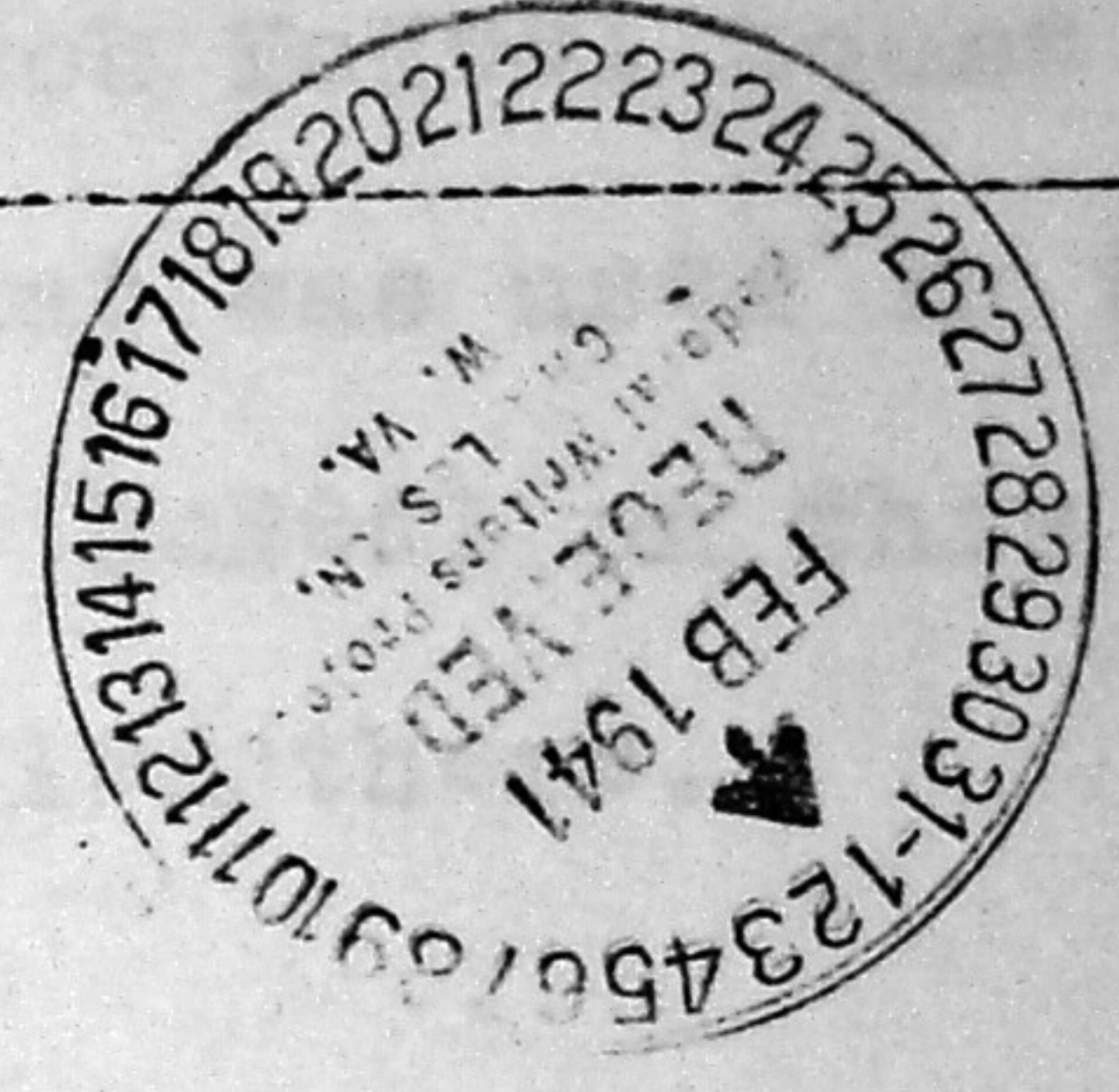
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About 1875 Jacob Mcneel of near Hillsboro who owned land on Stamp-
ing Creek had an Up And Down mill built on the head of Stamping Creek near
where W.P Derafield now lives.

They logged this mill with 3 yoke of cattle and a team of horses,
Henry Rose drove a team and assisted on the mill he lived on Stamping Creek
Granville McNeel did the sawing he was a son of Jacob, and it was on this
mill that the lumber was sawed that built the Jacob McNeel house and better
known as the Alex McNeel house also the lumber that was used in the Method-
ist Parsonage at Hillsboro was sawed by Granville McNeel on this mill right
after this operation Granville went West and settled there.

Information. G.A McNeel Hillsboro. W. Va.

James Jordan. " "

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James Smith having sold out at Millpoint and located at the mouth of Stephens Hole Run near where the run empties in the Greenbrier River and it was here that James Smith with the assistance of his sons William, Isaac and Joseph, and Jacob built an Up & Down sawmill at this location about 1856 they put in a waterwheel in Stephens Hole Run this furnished their power to run the mill and just above the mill they had a tanyard they worked at when they were not sawing.

It was on this mill that the lumber was sawed that built the Isaac Smith house also the lumber that built the gristmill was sawed on this Up & Down mill, the logs coming from the North along Stephens Hole Run, they were mostly Hemlock and White Pine and from this same section and on this mill lumber was sawed and delivered to the Levels to the many farmers to erect houses and barns as the Little Levels was building up fast at that time and they were in need of lumber so so they found a ready market for all they could saw, but as a grist mill was badly needed in this section they decided to tear down the Up & Down mill and erect a grist mill which they did and it was in operation for many years, and today this is an old landmark in the Little Levels District of which the writer is proud as James was the Great grandfather Joseph my Grandfather and Isaac and William great uncles of Samuel Glenn Smith this writer.)) these old gentlemen were pioneers in their profession milling and tanning.

Information. Edgar L Smith. Watoga. W. Va. (son of Isaac)

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